

November 11, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Central Intelligence Agency
McLean, Virginia 22101

Dear Admiral Turner:

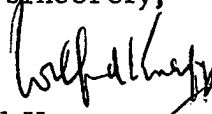
Mr. Murat Williams has, I know, written to you explaining what we are trying to do at Oxford as a memorial to Alastair Buchan. Since he wrote I have arrived in Washington, on sabbatical leave at the Wilson Center and I am happy to have the opportunity to follow his letter with my own, and with a copy of our Appeal brochure.

You will understand that we attach great importance and great hopes to the Appeal. As you know we intend to establish a memorial to Alastair which will continue, and we hope bring to fruition, plans which he had initiated. Having been his close colleague I am particularly anxious to make some contribution to completing what he began.

If we are successful we shall make a decisive change in the Oxford landscape. We shall be able to draw together and add to our resources and so create at Oxford a distinctive centre for the study of International Relations. We are confident of our ability to maintain standards of objective scholarship; we have been set an example, in Alastair's work, of a clear perception of the important issues in the immediacy of events; and we have a long and lively tradition of studying the present in an historical and philosophical perspective. If we can strengthen the central core of our study and teaching in International Relations we can do great things.

If I can answer any queries which you may have about the way in which the Alastair Buchan Readership and its supporting fund will fit into the present pattern at Oxford, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,



Wilfrid Knapp
Guest Scholar

No reply

Should you care to honor Alastair in this fashion, you may do so by sending a check payable to the American Trust for Oxford University. For U.S. Federal tax purposes, gifts to the American Trust for Oxford University are deductible. Because the Board of Direction of the Association of American Rhodes Scholars exercises complete discretion as to the use made of contributions, a contribution may not be "earmarked", but may be accompanied by a statement as to the donor's preference as to the ultimate beneficiary at Oxford of the kind contained in the form of card enclosed.

Date:

Mr. Donald H. Rivkin, Treasurer
American Trust for Oxford University
Suite 3100
750 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Dear Mr. Rivkin:

I am enclosing as a contribution to the American Trust for Oxford University my check in the amount of \$..... payable to the American Trust. It is my hope that this contribution will be disbursed by the American Trust for the benefit of the Alastair Buchan Memorial Fund.

Very truly yours, !

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ALASTAIR BUCHAN

FUND FOR

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

A Memorial Appeal

The Vice-Chancellor, Masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford have approved the establishment within the University of a Fund to enlarge and support study, teaching and research in International Relations: the Fund to serve as a memorial to the late Professor the Hon. Alastair Buchan.

The Appeal is initially for US \$500,000.

The purposes of the Fund are:

- to establish by permanent endowment a new post, the Alastair Buchan Readership in International Relations;
- to finance short term visits by outstanding exponents and practitioners in the field of International Relations and to facilitate longer visits;
- to improve substantially the facilities for research (including travel) and to attract research projects;
- to provide graduate scholarships.

Oxford University and the Trustees of the Higher Studies Fund have contributed £50,000 to the Appeal.

ALASTAIR BUCHAN

The Hon. Alastair Francis Buchan, C.B.E., M.A., was born in September 1918, being the third son of Lord Tweedsmuir. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford and was then elected, in 1939, to a Junior Fellowship at the University of Virginia. With the outbreak of the Second World War he was commissioned in the Canadian Army. He took part in the raid on Dieppe in 1942 and then served throughout the campaign in north-west Europe.

After the war he became a successful journalist: he was Assistant Editor of *The Economist*, then Washington correspondent and Diplomatic and Defence correspondent of *The Observer*. In 1958 he became the first Director of the Institute for Strategic Studies, in which capacity he achieved a world reputation as a thinker about strategy and international politics. In 1969 he was appointed commandant of the Imperial Defence College, and presided over its transformation into the Royal College of Defence Studies. Shortly afterwards he was elected to the Montague Burton Professorship of International Relations at Oxford, and a Fellowship at Balliol. His first book was a life of Walter Bagehot, *The Spare Chancellor*. It was followed by a series of works on international questions which included *Nato in the 1960s*, *Arms and Stability in Europe*, *War in Modern Society*, *Europe's Futures*, *Europe's Choices*, *The End of the Postwar Era*, and his B.B.C. Lectures, *Change Without War*.

He took up his professorship at Oxford in January 1972. In the brief years before his death in February 1976 he established a rare authority over graduate students, who gave him devotion and respect, and enlisted the ready co-operation of his colleagues in his firm sense of purpose for the development of the subject.

I count myself fortunate to return to a University that has a lively and unbroken tradition that goes back six and a half centuries (to Occam) of concern and interest in the world at large. Britain no longer has a worldwide nexus of interests nor global influence, but this has one advantage; it is easier to observe what is actually happening in the world if there is not a perpetual clatter of controversy over national foreign policy.

It is not our function to bombard the Prince with advice. But to the extent that we can assist him to devise coherent models of alternative futures, what Stanley Hoffman has called 'relevant utopias', we may help to restore some sense of value and of choice to what must often seem to those most deeply involved in policy-making as simply the mole's alternative between one respiratory molehill and another. International relations is what is known in contemporary jargon as a 'policy-orientated' field of study and few would spend their lives dealing with it if they did not have certain values which they desired to promote or to defend.

Can International Relations be Professed? Inaugural Lecture, Oxford, 7 November 1972.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT OXFORD

Alastair Buchan, at the time of his death, was Montague Burton Professor of International Relations at Oxford University. Since 1972, when he took up this post, he had been striving to develop the major centre of international studies which Oxford is so conspicuously lacking yet so superbly equipped to provide.

Oxford, as a great European and international university, attracts students of the highest quality from all over the world. In subjects cognate to International Relations—modern international history, the history of war, economics, international law, political science, jurisprudence, area studies—it is a centre of excellence. It is close enough to London to be in touch with the world of decision-making and public affairs, and yet distant enough to permit depth and detachment. It has an historical awareness of great power politics and has nurtured a tradition of philosophical enquiry and humane values which it is imperative to maintain in the study of contemporary international affairs.

The promise which Oxford holds as a centre for advanced study of International Relations has not yet been realised. The Montague Burton Chair (in which Alastair Buchan has been succeeded by Hedley Bull) is the only senior post in the field. The burden of research and supervision therefore falls largely upon College tutors who have major responsibilities for undergraduate teaching in a range of subjects. Library facilities, which in some subjects are incomparable at Oxford, in this one are inadequate. Provision for junior research posts, research assistance, fieldwork, visiting research appointments and graduate scholarships is either non-existent or insufficient.

The Alastair Buchan Memorial Fund will be used to remedy some at least of these deficiencies, first priority being given to increasing the number of tenured posts by the establishment of a Readership in International Relations. We hope that in this way the work which Alastair Buchan began will be brought to fruition, and at the same time that a fitting memorial will be provided to his association with Oxford University.

We hope that you will find this to be an appeal to which you can contribute, in whatever amount. Cheques should be payable to Oxford University and sent to the Oxford secretary:

The Hon. Secretary
Alastair Buchan Memorial Appeal
All Souls College
Oxford OX1 4AL

ALASTAIR BUCHAN FUND

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